

## CLAIMS:

1. A method of reducing inter-symbol interference occurring at the digital to analog conversion of a one-bit digital signal stream, the generation of said one-bit digital signal stream ( $S_O$ ) comprising the steps of converting an input signal to said one-bit digital signal stream with a sigma-delta configuration (SD) of a low pass filter (F) having an output coupled to the input of a quantizer (Q) whose output is fed back to the input of the low pass filter, characterized by generating a control signal ( $S_C$ ) that is representative of the density of the edges of the one-bit digital signal stream at the output (O) of the quantizer, multiplying the control signal ( $S_C$ ) with said one-bit digital signal stream ( $S_O$ ) and applying the result of the multiplication together with the output of the low pass filter (F) to the input of the quantizer (Q).  
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2. A one-bit sigma-delta converter for converting an input signal ( $S_I$ ) to a one-bit digital signal stream ( $S_O$ ), said converter comprising a quantizer (Q) with an input and an output, a low pass filter (F) whose output is coupled to the input of the quantizer and whose input is coupled to the output of the quantizer, thereby constituting a feedback-arrangement with the quantizer, means ( $P_1$ ) to supply the input signal ( $S_I$ ) to the feedback arrangement and means (O) to derive the one-bit digital signal stream from the output of the quantizer, characterized by an edge-density controller (G) connected to the output (O) of the quantizer for providing a control signal ( $S_C$ ) indicative of the density of the edges of the one-bit digital signal stream ( $S_O$ ), a multiplier (M) for multiplying said control signal ( $S_C$ ) with the one-bit digital signal stream ( $S_O$ ) of the quantizer and means ( $P_2$ ) for applying the output of the multiplier to the input of the quantizer.  
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3. A one-bit sigma-delta converter as claimed in claim 2 characterized in that the edge-density controller (G) comprises an edge-extractor (E) connected to receive the one-bit digital signal stream ( $S_O$ ) of the quantizer, and a second low pass filter (N) receiving the output signal ( $S_E$ ) of the edge-extractor and providing said control signal ( $S_C$ ).  
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4. A one-bit sigma-delta converter as claimed in claim 3 characterized by a reference signal source ( $V_P$ ) connected to the second low pass filter (N) for referencing the level of the control signal ( $S_C$ ).

5 5. A one-bit sigma-delta converter as claimed in claim 3 characterized in that the second low pass filter (N) is an integrator and that the reference signal is applied with a polarity opposite to that of the edge-extractor pulses to the input of the integrator.

6. A multi-bit sigma-delta converter for converting an input signal ( $S_I$ ) to a multi-bit digital signal, said converter comprising a plurality of interconnected one-bit sigma-delta converters each with a low pass filter (F) in feedback arrangement with one of a plurality (VQ) of interconnected quantizer means, means to supply the input signal to said plurality of quantizer means and means to derive the multi-bit digital signal from the outputs ( $O_1, O_2, O_3$ ) of the plurality of quantizer means, characterized in that each of the outputs of the plurality of quantizer means is connected to an edge-density controller (G) for providing a control signal indicative of the edges of the one-bit digital stream at said output, a multiplier (M) for multiplying said control signal with the one-bit digital stream of said output and means ( $P_2$ ) for applying the result of the multiplication to the respective input of the quantizer means (VQ).

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7. A storage medium (J) having stored thereon at least one signal track in one-bit digital stream format, characterized in that the number of clock periods comprising an edge in the one-bit digital stream of said signal track is less than 40% of the total number of clock periods of the one-bit digital stream of said signal track.